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TO: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: D/DCI/NI

FROM:

NIO/China

SUBJ: Your Briefing of the President on
the Chinese Navy on 20 July

In my view, a briefing on the PRC navy, especially concerning its move toward open ocean capability, would be incomplete without a reference to the dramatic increase in China's merchant marine. So I suggest you take these facts to your Presidential briefing:

Since 1971 China has quadrupled the size of its merchant marine by adding over 3.5 million DWT at a cost of over one billion dollars. Acquisitions include the fleet's first tankers and bulk carriers. The Chinese international fleet sails to Japan, Western Europe, Africa and Canada and now carries more than half of the PRC trade (in 1972 it carried one tenth of the total).

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REMARKS:			
<p><i>Jim</i></p> <p><i>Thanks actually, the</i></p> <p><i>briefing on the Chernobyl</i></p> <p><i>party is today (Fri) at</i></p> <p><i>1530. So I checked out your</i></p>			
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